

CW3 Jonathan D. Ward is a native of Lincolnton, NC. After graduating from Lincolnton Sr. High school in 1987, Mr. Ward attended Lenoir Rhyne College in Hickory, NC on a full music scholarship. Mr. Ward then transferred to The North Carolina School of the Arts where he graduated in 1993 with a Bachelors Degree in Music Performance.

As a civilian, Mr. Ward performed as the trumpet player for the Western Piedmont Chamber Orchestra, the Winston-Salem Piedmont Triad Symphony Orchestra and the Winston-Salem Piedmont Triad Opera Company. Mr. Ward entered the Army in September 1994 where he completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO and then attended the U.S. Army School of Music at Little Creek NAB, Norfolk, VA as a trumpet player. His enlisted assignments include: the 56th Army Band, Fort Lewis, WA; the 282nd Army Band, Fort Jackson SC; the 8th Army Band, Seoul, Korea; and his final enlisted tour at the 392nd Army Band, Fort Lee, VA.

Mr. Ward Graduated the Warrant Officer Candidate School and the U.S. army School of Music's Army Bandmaster/Warrant Officer Basic Course in 2004. Mr. Ward served as Bandmaster/Commander of the U.S. Army Signal Corps Band in Fort Gordon, GA from 2005-2009. He then commanded the 3rd Infantry Division Band in May 2009. The "Rock of the Marne" Band deployed for 13 months to Iraq from October 2009 through November 2010 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. CW3 Ward current serves as the Bandmaster/Commander of the 282nd Army Band, Fort Jackson, SC.

His military awards include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation Medal, 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, 1st Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Achievement Medal 3rd Oak Leaf Cluster, army Good Conduct Medal 3rd award, Korean Defense Medal, National Defense Service Medal 2nd award, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the NCO Professional Development ribbon 2nd award and the Overseas Ribbon.

Mr. Ward is married and has three children.